

*Hampden
Massachusetts*



*Annual Town Report
1982*

THE OLD.....

This year our Town House celebrated its 50th birthday, a gift to the Town from Miss Elizabeth Sessions. Thirty years ago our Christmas tree was lighted for the first time by Daniel M. Flynn.

Please see Selectmen's report.

THE NEW.....

This year placques honoring veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam were installed in the Town House and dedicated on January 18.

Also, we now have a new glass enclosed bulletin board on the Town House lam; both of these through the thoughtfullness of Selectman John M. Flynn.

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Town Reports by Rosalind Reardon*

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INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

POPULATION OF HAMPDEN, JANUARY 1, 1981.....Federal Census---- 4,749
 JANUARY 1, 1975.....State Census----- 4,764

GEOGRAPHIC AREA.....19.64 Square Miles

COUNTY.....HAMPDEN

SENATORS IN UNITED STATES SENATE

Edward M. Kennedy, United States Senate, Washington D.C., 20510
 Paul E. Tsongas, 437 Old Senate Office Building, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.
 Paul E. Tsongas, Senator in Congress, Boston Office, Tel. 617-223-7240

STATE SENATE

Robert Wetmore, Worcester, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire District,
 State House, Room 409, Boston, Ma., 02133, Tel. 617-722-1540
 Robert Wetmore, Hubberston Rd., Barre, Ma., 01005, Tel. 617-355-2337

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Iris K. Holland, 2nd. Hampden District, State House, Republican Leadership
 Office, Room 448, Boston, Ma., 02133, Tel. 617-722-2100
 Iris K. Holland, 38 Hazelwood Avenue, Longmeadow, Ma., 01106, Tel. 1-567-1529

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.....Last Monday in April

ANNUAL ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS.....First Monday in May

BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED

TEL. NO.

Town Clerk	Monday..... 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	566-3214
	Wednesday.. 9:00 AM to 12 Noon	
	Wednesday.. 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	
	Thursday... 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	
Town Treasurer	Tuesday.... 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	566-3214
	Wednesday.. 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	
	Thursday... 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	
Board of Assessors	Meets 2nd. Tuesday of each month @ 7:30 PM	566-3223
	Clerk in office every: Monday thru Thursday....8:30 AM to 2:30 PM	

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED		TEL. NO.
Board of Selectmen	Meet every Monday at 7:30 PM Office hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday....9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Wednesday & Friday.....9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	566-3713
Advisory Committee	Meet second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.	566-3214
Conservation Commission	Meet second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM.	566-3214
Planning Board	Meet second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM.	566-3214
Park Commission	Meet first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM.	566-3214
Hampden School Committee	Meet first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 PM.	566-8814
Regional School Committee	Meet second and fourth Monday of each month in Wilbraham.	596-3884
Cemetery Commissioners	Meet second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 PM.	
Council on Aging	Meet second Friday of each month at 7:30 PM. Office hours: Monday - Friday.....9:00 AM to 12 Noon	566-3023
Tax Collector	Counter hours for collections: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday...9:00 AM to 2:30 PM Wednesday evening.....7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	566-3214
Hampden Free Public	Meet third Wednesday of each month.	566-3047

HOURS OF HAMPDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday.....	11:00 AM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Wednesday....	11:00 AM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Thursday.....	11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday.....	12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAYS DURING JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

TOWN INSPECTORS

Building Inspector, Gordon Willcutt.....	566-3971
Electrical Inspector, Albert Mireault.....	566-8698
Plumbing Inspector, William Patullo.....	566-3332
Board of Health Agent, Walter Lawler, 121 Ardmore St., Springfield, Ma.	737-4545

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Subdivision Control Laws.....	\$1.50
Zoning By-Laws.....	3.00
Zoning By-Laws (if mailed).....	4.00
Certified copy of birth.....	2.00
Certified copy of death.....	2.00
Certified copy of marriage.....	2.00
Marriage license.....	4.00
Trade name registration.....	1.00
Street List	4.00
Voting List.....	2.00
Zoning Map.....	3.00
Master Plan.....	3.00
Voter Registration Card.....	1.00

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1982		TERM EXPIRES
Moderator	Dalton E. Philpott	1983
Town Clerk	Rita A. Vail	1983
Town Treasurer	Judith Mikkola	1983
Board of Selectmen & Board of Health	Jeannette S. Green, Chairman Robert L. Burger John M. Flynn	1983 1984 1985
Secretary to Selectmen and Board of Health	Ruth W. Woods	
Clerk to Board of Selectmen	Flora M. Chechile	
Assessors	Stanley W. Witkop, Jr., Chairman Richard A. Jalbert Henry P. Baush	1983 1984 1985
Clerk to Board of Assessors	Laura P. Green	

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1982		TERM EXPIRES
Hampden School Committee	Donald Davenport, Chairman	1984
	Elaine C. O'Donnell	1985
	M. Ellen Clark	1983
	Miriam Bryans	1983
	Judith A. Witkop	1984
Secretary to Hampden School Committee	Dr. Maurice Heffernan	
Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee	Yorke Phillips	1984
Trustees of the Hampden Public Library	Ann M. Byron, Chairman	1984
	Helen S. Dickinson	1983
	Miriam P. Bryans	1985
Collector of Taxes	Dorothy S. Flynn, Resigned	1983
	Janet Redin, Appointed	1983
Hampden Housing Authority	F. Evelyn Kirk	1985
	Clifford E. Attleton, Chairman	1983
	Charles T. Schmitt, Secretary	1984
	Sherwood Cronk	1986
	William J. Donnelly, Vice Chairman	1986
Constables	Paul A. Bouchard	1983
	Miles M. Haggood, Jr.	1983
	Peter A. Markhard	1983
Cemetery Commissioners	Arthur Gerrish	1983
	Robert F. Sazama, Jr.	1984
	Franklin Prouty	1985
Planning Board	John D. Mikkola, Chairman	1984
	Carl F. Libby, Vice Chairman	1983
	Frederick Maher	1985
	John L. Partyka	1987
	Karl D. Sternberg	1986
Clerk to Planning Board	Judith Jackson	

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS--- 1982		TERM EXPIRES
Tree Warden	Homer Fuller	1983
Park Commissioners	James Whipple, Chairman	1985
	Stephen T. LeClair	1985
	Gordon E. Clark	1984
	Peter S. Imler	1984
	Maureen Coughlin	1983
Clerk to Park Commissioners	Lucille McGuill Mulcahy	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS----1982		
Town Accountant	Clifford Bombard	1983
Dog Officer	Raymond B. Schmuck, Resigned Arthur LaFrance	1983
Forest Fire Warden	Richard J. Boynton	1983
Inspector of Animals	Daniel R. Isham, Resigned	1983
Superintendent of Insect Pest Control	James A. Reardon	1983
Veterans Grave Officer	Richard Wiencek	1983
Board of Health Agent and Investigator	Gary Weiner, Resigned Walter E. Lawler	1983
Agent for Veterans Benefits	Bert Nietupski	1983
Acting Civil Defense Director	Jeannette S. Green	1983
Superintendent of Streets	Homer Fuller	1983
Pound Keeper and Field Driver	Daniel R. Isham, Resigned	1983
Fence Viewers	Donald E. Dickinson	1983
	William H. Patric	1983
Town Prosecutor	Bruce Clarkin	1983

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS---1982

TERM EXPIRES

Town Counsel	Joseph R. Jennings	1983
Building Commissioner	Gordon J. Willcutt, Sr.	1983
Electrical Inspector	Albert W. Mireault	1983
Plumbing Inspector	William P. Patullo	1983
Board of Appeals	Daniel Shooshan, Chairman	1984
	Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman	1984
	Bert Nietupski	1985
	Bryce Norwood	1983
	Kenneth Lefebvre, Clerk	1984
Alternates	Charles Schmitt	1984
	Lawrence Smith	1984
	Cliff Keeney	1984
Advisory Committee	Judith Hanmer, Chairman	1984
	Andrew Mulcahy, Jr., Vice Chairman	1983
	Jane Wyman	1984
	William Smith	1985
	Lester Pauly	1985
Clerk to Advisory Committee	Evelyn Schmidt	
Board of Registrars	Rita Vail, Town Clerk	
	Faye Flynn, Chairman	1985
	Frank J. T. Krik	1983
	Mary E. Connors	1984
Fire Chief	Richard Hatch	1983
Conservation Commission	James Smith, Chairman	1984
	Joseph Choiniere, Secretary	1983
	Timothy Renn	1985
	Arthur Gerrish, Treasurer	1984
	Franklin Prouty	1984
	Rene Heffernan	1984
	Paul Robitaille, Vice Chairman	1985

	APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS-- 1982	TERM EXPIRES
Council on Aging	Ralph Forstrom, Chairman	1983
	Nancy Zebert, Vice Chairman	1984
	Kathryn Conway	1985
	John Robert Owens	1985
	Joyce Libby	1985
	Catherine Moriarty	1983
	Dalton Philpott	1983
	Ethel Evans	1984
Jean Prouty	1984	
Director for the Council on Aging	Rosalind Reardon	
Insurance Committee	William T. Olmstead	1983
	Henry Hammer, Chairman	1983
	Gerald Hinch	1983
Parking Clerk	Rita A. Vail	1983
Chief of Police	George K. Stone, Jr.	
Patrolmen	Robert A. Newton	
	Robert Toulson	
	William J. Chechile	
	Mark Reisner	
	Raymond Schmuck	
Secretary/Clerk to Police Dept.	Nancy Joy	
Dispatcher/Special Police Officer	Alfred Taylor	
	Michael Quigley	
Civilian Dispatcher	Paula Courtemanche	
Reserve Police Officers	Sgt. Michael Doyle	
	Sgt. Mary Kupec, Resigned	
	Paula Courtemanche	
	Edward Jodoin	
	Frederick Lewenczuk	
	Peter Markhard	
	Deborah Pepin	
	Dana S. Pixley	
	Richard Roberts	
	Thmothy Redin	
Alexander G. Schmid		
Adam Booth		
Mark Lyman		

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS---1982

TERM EXPIRES

Energy

Commission

George Audren	1983
Harry Burns	1983
Joseph Landry	1983
Nancy Zebert	1983
Frances Metcalf	1983
Charles Fairbanks	
Richard Avery	
Ellen Avery	

Job Review

Compensation

Committee

Leo Coughlin, Chairman
Helene Kullberg, Co-Chairman
Dorothy Hill, Secretary
William Olmstead
Joseph Gaze
John Matthews
John Sands
Sherry Campbell

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1982

Mark David Cole
Gloria Belanger
Helen R. Boynton
Agnes Buereau
Audrey Burger
Richard Douglas
Betty Anne Johnson
Edwin Lombard
Gayle Rediker
Patricia Sharlow
David Amsden

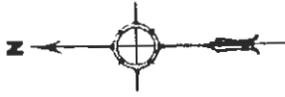
Ralph Disa
William Denucci
Roland P. Fawthrop, Jr.
Francis J. Malachowski
Michael T. Reddington, Sr.
Marshall T. White
David D. Wilson
Gregory Sears
Jean Wisenburn
Peter S. Imler
Garry Santaniello

In Memoriam:

Charles R. Fairbanks, III

Custodian

Hampden School Department



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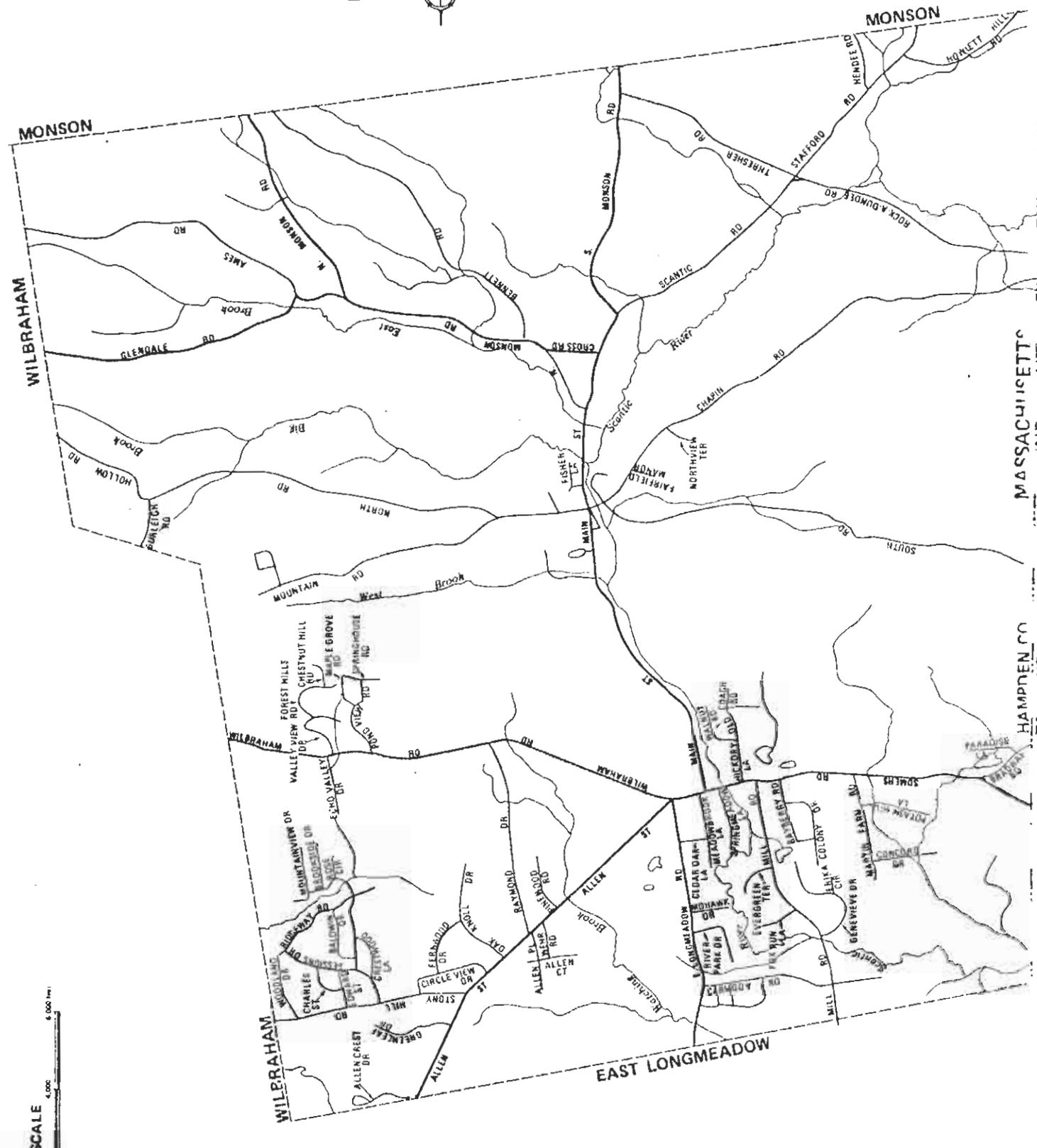
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MASSACHUSETTS
CONNECTICUT

HAMPDEN CO
TOWN OF



SCALE



EAST LONGMEADOW

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.....APRIL 26, 1982

ARTICLE 1. It was unanimously voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 1982 be accepted as printed.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,017,622 to cover budget items 1 through 69.

ARTICLE 3. Voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 4. Unanimously voted to borrow \$25,132 and raise \$8,378, to resurface a portion of Allen Street and any unexpended funds to be used for resurfacing a portion of Scantic Road; said borrowing to be discharged by the proceeds of any reimbursement by the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 5. Unanimously voted to borrow \$15,013 and raise \$5,004 to reconstruct a portion of Scantic Road or for resurfacing with bituminous concrete or sealing with liquid bitumen portions of said road; said borrowing to be discharged by the proceeds of any reimbursement by the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 6. It was voted to accept any money received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Local Aid Fund Distribution, General Laws, Chapter 239, Section 2D, Highway Fund Distribution, Chapter 81 and Chapter 492/Acts of 1974; or Highway and Transit Development, Chapter 825, Section 3/ Acts of 1974; or any other Highway Funds Reimbursements or Distributions; and deposit said money in the General Fund.

ARTICLE 7. Unanimously voted to transfer any balance unused on June 30, 1982 in the Landfill Maintenance, Library, Road Maintenance and/or Snow & Ice Removal accounts, back into General Revenue Sharing account, these sums having been allocated from General Revenue Sharing monies at Annual Town Meeting of 1981.

ARTICLE 8. Unanimously voted to designate funds from General Revenue Sharing to the 1982-83 appropriations for: Landfill Maintenance--\$18,000; Library--\$20,000; Road Maintenance \$21,400; Snow & Ice Removal--\$24,000.

ARTICLE 9. Unanimously voted to authorize the Council on Aging to operate the mini bus for elderly and handicapped residents four days per week, for a total of twenty-two (22) hours.

ARTICLE 10. Unanimously voted to raise the sum of \$1,000 for the Conservation Fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted and approved at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase.

ARTICLE 11. Article was defeated.

ARTICLE 12. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$304,460 for the purpose of reconstructing Thornton Burgess School roof and appurtenances; and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow, by a series of three annual notes, the sum of \$196,182, under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, Section 7 (3A) as amended; and to transfer from Stabilization Fund the sum of \$55,000 plus interest of \$3,919; and to transfer from Thornton Burgess School Construction Account the sum of \$9,820; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,539.

ARTICLE 13. Voted to accept Chapter 90, Section 20A of the Massachusetts General Laws regarding local parking regulations, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for enforcement.

ARTICLE 14. Voted to delete from Part II-- TOWN MEETINGS Section 4 of General By-Laws of Hampden, Mass. the words following the words "Town House" through the words " Hampden Memorial Park" and insert in place thereof the following: "Thornton Burgess School; Green Meadows School; the Village Food Mart; the Mini Mall"; so this section 4 will in the future read as follows: "Section 4. The Warrant containing all items of business for each Town Meeting shall be posted on the bulletin boards in the Town House: Thornton Burgess School; Green Meadows School; building known as the Village Food Mart and building in Mini Mall at least seven days before any Town Meeting."

ARTICLE 15. Voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 16. Voted to transfer from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation of Highway Machinery the amount of \$2,742.17 and raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the purchase and installation of a radio communications system for use by the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 17. Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 18. Voted to transfer from Library Fund the amount of \$2,372 (State Aid) to be used by the Library Trustees at their discretion.

ARTICLE 19. Unanimously voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1982, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 20. Unanimously voted that \$100,000 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to be used for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for fiscal year ending June 30, 1983.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

HAMPDEN-----the little town we call "home"

The door to the Selectmen's Office is always open and we welcome you to any and all of our meetings. This is an opportunity available only to those people fortunate to live in a town governed by the Town Meeting principle. It is an opportunity of which more of you should take advantage for stopping in at these meetings will give you an incite into how your community is "run", what cements it together, what problems might face it and how your elected officials resolve them.

The situations that come before the Board are many and varied and you, the voters of Hampden at Town Meeting, charge the Selectmen with certain specific directives which it is their responsibility to carry out.

In an effort to meet this end we hold many additional meetings throughout the year with other elected and appointed boards as well as representatives of state and county agencies. Keeping a finger on the pulse of the community is one of the prime requisites for being both RESPONSIBLE and RESPONSIVE Selectmen, and it is through these meetings that we are made aware of any untoward situations that exist or might be foreseeable and, as a result of this awareness, can direct our energies toward better Town Government.

One of the more unusual situations to come to our attention this year was notification by the W. W. Johnson Life Center, under contract to the Department of Mental Health, of intent to take up residence in Hampden, at a pre-chosen site on Allen Street, thus establishing a Respite Center within the Town for Life Center clients. Selectmen looked into this matter thoroughly, seeking legal advice and guidance. In order to better inform townspeople, several public meetings were held with representatives of the Johnson Life Center and the Department of Mental Health. Actually, the Town did not have the luxury of choice in this matter since it is a State-sponsored activity, but your Selectmen do feel that there has been good cooperation from those involved to make this a circumstance with which we can live in harmony. An Advisory Board will be set up by the Johnson Life Center which will include residents of Hampden affording us an opportunity to closely monitor this program.

Working out budgets under Proposition 2½ involves close scrutiny of all proposed expenditures so that we receive the best value for dollars spent. It involves curtailment in many areas but still with the goal that the best interests of the town be served. It is not easy, but working together we have -so far-been able to keep within Proposition 2½ without sacrificing priorities. What we do is mandated by Town Meeting action and what you, the Town Meeting members mandate is that for which we must all ultimately pay. It therefore behooves each of us to attend and make our wishes heard at Town Meeting and to remain through its entirety.

This has been a year in which the Selectmen have found it increasingly difficult to find people willing to take on the various job responsibilities which become open from time to time, not only in appointed positions, but also a reluctance among those seeking elected office. With this in mind, we have appointed a Job Study Committee and have asked this committee to begin with the offices of Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Tax Collector, their special direction being to find out if we, as a Board, have a realistic understanding of the amount of work involved. Is it more or less than we perceive, and is the job description on a par with other similar towns? When we receive their report we will have a stronger guideline in discussing the workload of these offices and will then continue on to other departments.

This year we entered into a no-cost contract with the American Red Cross which makes them responder to the Town in the event of emergencies or natural disasters. Under this agreement the Red Cross makes available its resources should there be extended power loss, home fires or extensive storm damage where people would need shelter, clothing, food, etc., on a prolonged temporary basis. It would in no way negate the responsibilities of our Police and Fire Departments and all calls to the Red Cross would be handled directly through the Selectmen's office.

We have kept in constant touch with Greater New England Cablevision, meeting many times during the year with their representatives and also with members of the Town, in an effort to see that we receive the best possible service under our contract. We will continue to do this and seek added services wherever possible.

This year, 1982, marked the 50th "birthday" of our Town House and some of you may not be aware of the fact that this great building was a gift to our Town by a philanthropic old time resident, Miss Elizabeth Sessions. Since she was not only interested in community affairs but also deeply concerned with education, this building was a combination school, town hall and library, and housed grades 1 - 8 for many years, only finally ending its service as a school in 1971. Not many towns are so fortunate to receive such a gift and throughout the years your Selectmen have done whatever is necessary to keep this building in the best possible condition. This year we will have to address ourselves to the problems of the roof on this building, one section of which needs immediate repair.

This was also the 30th anniversary of the annual lighting ceremony of the "Christmas Tree" on the Town House lawn and this season saw record numbers enjoy the festivities. Thirty years ago those taking part in the first lighting, which was sponsored by the School Committee at that time, were Daniel M. Flynn and Harry Prosl of that committee, and Charles R. Melville, Sr., representing the Selectmen. Through the years this tree has become a Christmas symbol, faithfully lighted by our Highway personnel, and it is with regret that we have had to make the decision to take it down. Age has taken its toll and it is no longer the graceful, lovely tree it once was. However, the Hampden Business Association is donating a tree to replace it so that future generations will have a tree with which to "grow".

As the Town grows, so does its problems and complexities. Some of this stems from State inroads on Home Rule, some of it from legislation, some from greater sophistication of our society itself. All of this involves more time and closer study by your Selectmen and their office. We would not be able to do this without the able and efficient performance of our secretary, Mrs. Ruth Woods. Also, her assistant, Mrs. Flora Chechile, has been invaluable to the office. Among her many responsibilities is the over-seeing of this entire Town Report--and we express our appreciation to both of these people for their dedication.

We would also like to mention here the resignation of Mrs. Dorothy Flynn, who had been Tax Collector for a continuous 31 years. She has worked with the Town during its fastest growing period and performed her duties with expertise. It is with regret that we accepted her resignation and wish her well in her new-found time.

The following have been reported as received and turned over to the Town Treasurer:

Tax Collector's Fees.....	\$2,727.00
Selectmen's Fees---Licenses, permits, etc.....	\$5,339.00
Police Department.....	\$1,098.30
(Permits, reports, etc.)	
Town Clerk.....	\$1,508.80
Building Dept. fees.....	\$3,889.00

Respectfully submitted,
 Jeannette S. Green, Chairman
 Robert L. Burger
 John M. Flynn
 Hampden Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health in Hampden is made up of the Board of Selectmen, with one member serving as chairman. This Board monitors and enforces all matters pertaining to health within the town. We ask that all complaints and suggestions be brought to our attention.

Litter is still a problem in our community. It takes the cooperation of every citizen to be aware of this problem and do their part to make Hampden's roadways clean and a source of pride to all.

On April 17, 1982, the annual Anti-Rabies Clinic was held under the direction of Dr. Kovacs with 26 dogs being immunized.

During the year, spraying was conducted by Massachusetts Electric Company along utility lines in town. Selective cutting was done by numerous abutters and concerned citizens, thus eliminating the need for some spraying. The spraying done was closely monitored by the Conservation Commission and the Board of Health. This situation will continue to be under close surveillance in future years.

Under the direction of Dr. William Boucher and assisted by nurses Jane McCarthy and Judith Hatch, a Flu Clinic was held on November 10, 1982. Vaccine was administered to 140 people during the clinic without charge to the individuals or cost to the town using vaccine obtained from the state. Thanks to Dr. Boucher and his assistants for their time and concern.

The Board of Health regretfully accepted the resignation of Gary Weiner as Board of Health Agent. Gary has given Hampden and its residents many years of his professionalism and time. We wish him well in his new endeavors. Mr. Walter Lawler has been appointed as Board of Health Agent. Mr. Lawler brings to us many years of experience from the City of Springfield in this field. We all welcome him to Hampden.

The Board of Health is here to serve you and we welcome your comments and suggestions at anytime. We may be reached through our secretary, Ruth W. Woods, at our office at 566-3713 or by calling any of us at our homes in the evening.

STATISTICS

1. Percolation Tests	
A. Approved.....	19
B. Denied.....	1
2. Septic System Installer's Permits Granted.....	18
3. Septic Removal Permit Granted.....	5
4. Septic Removal Frequency.....	122
5. Well Permits.....	19
6. Complaints, nuisances, wells, etc.....	16
7. Court Action.....	0
8. Food Service Permits.....	17
9. Public Swimming Pools Permits.....	1

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Burger, Chairman
Hampden Board of Health

John M. Flynn
Jeannette S. Green
Walter E. Lawler, R.S., Board of Health Agent
Ruth W. Woods, Secretary

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 1982 there were one hundred and seventy six permits granted:

These were as follows:

Building:

New houses	11
Barns	4
Garages	3
Sheds	4
Additions to houses	26
Additions to garages	3
Alterations to houses	6
Alterations to barn	1
Swimming pools	2
Stoves	11
Solar units	3

Electrical:

New houses	12
Remodeling and additions	31
Services changes	4
Swimming pools	4

Plumbing:

New houses	13
Alterations and additions	21
Gas	17

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon J. E. Willcutt, Sr.
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF TOWN MODERATOR

CAN YOU SERVE TWO MASTERS EFFECTIVELY??

Whether intentionally or not the net result of the Proposition 2½ Revision Act of 1981 (C.782) places Elected officials in the nebulous position of trying to serve two masters. An article in the warrant for last year's Town Meeting is a good example. By over a 2/3 majority the voters attending the Town Meeting voted to appropriate a sum of money for remodeling, reconstruction or making extraordinary repairs to the Thornton Burgess School roof. Yet due to the constraints imposed by Proposition 2½ it required a Special Election to override the spending limitations. This referendum was defeated by a majority vote.

The above poses two questions:

First--who was right? Those attending the Advisory Committee meeting and the Town Meeting, who by a 2/3 majority voted to repair the school roof or those voting the Special Election?

Second--Just what message was given to the School Committee?

You, the voters are the landlords of town property, whether it is a school building, town house, police cruisers or fire trucks. The Elected and Appointed officials are merely the interim custodians until you decide otherwise. How responsible are you as a landlord?

The above is not intended to debate the pros and cons of repairs to the Thornton Burgess School roof but to point out further erosion of the powers of the Town Meeting form of government. One would think that after attending the pre-Town Meeting discussions held by Elected Officials and Advisory Committee, plus full and open discussions at the Town Meeting, those attending would be adequately informed to make a rational decision without the necessity for special elections.

The current procedure for overriding the spending limitations imposed by Proposition 2½ adds to the expense of local governments during periods of austerity, delays implementation, reduces the powers of those attending town meetings and the incentive to attend, sends conflicting instructions to Elected and Appointed officials and polarizes the informed and uninformed.

There must be a better way.

Dalton E. Philpott,
Town Moderator

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

The more important matters that have had, or will have had, by June 30, 1983, the attention of Hampden Town Counsel are the Proposed Reorganization of the Fire Department; Delaney death case arising in Main Street accident; Revision of the Town By-laws; the Johnson Life Center on Allen Street; Reclassification by the Selectmen and Assessors; the Sanitary Landfill; Cable Television; the former Christianson subdivision on East Longmeadow Road; Insurance coverages; and School Department Chapter 766 matters.

There has been needed attention to Board of Appeals and Board of Health matters; Tax Appeals for the Assessors; School Department contractual matters; the Revaluation Contract; and as usual, considerable attention to Town Meeting procedures, votes, correct motions, etc.

All these matters, along with day-to-day advising of all Town Boards, especially the Selectmen, will have constituted Fiscal 1983 a busy year,--yet without any significant new litigation threats against the Town, other than mentioned above.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph R. Jennings
Hampden Town Counsel

REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

In 1982 there were six families aided by the Veterans' Services Department involving eleven people.

Total amount expended during the year was \$6,967.25 of which 50% is reimbursed by the State, the Town's share being \$3,483.62.

All veterans and dependents should feel free to contact this office whenever their need arises.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert B. Nietupski
Director of Veterans' Services

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Hampden's 569 senior citizens enjoyed their 5th year of services from the Council on Aging whose stated goal is to enhance elder's lives and to keep the frail in their own homes as long as possible.

One of our priorities is to provide regular, reliable transportation. We logged 5,112 total rides for 93 different elderly or handicapped individuals to medical appointments, therapy, shopping, visiting, hair appointments, meals, classes and clinics. We contracted directly with PVRTA for the second year to reduce middle costs while increasing service, and hired a new driver, Patricia Kirk. We noted increased requests for transportation from individuals who never thought they would need the Mini Bus, but who found themselves in the following special circumstances: newly widowed persons without a drivers license or individuals with car breakdown or accident or doctor's orders not to drive because of heart or vision problems.

Morning office hours were kept 9-12 daily with information and referral telephone service provided by the director and numerous volunteers. A grant funded Outreach Program was continued to personally acquaint every senior in Hampden with our programs and to fill out Vial of Life Emergency Forms. We cooperated with the Hampden Energy Commission to distribute government surplus cheese to the needy, and intend to handle the program for 1983.

Home Care Corporation contracted with the VNA to conduct free monthly Health Clinics which were attended by 65 different individuals. We cooperated with Home Care by making referrals for homemaker, health aide, and chore services. Janis DeGrandpre, Site Manager for Home Care, reports 7,547 meals were served by 14 volunteers, including 5,533 in the Melville Room and 2,014 home delivered carried by 6 volunteers. Thursday service was added, bringing home meal delivery up to 5 days per week to shut-ins.

Other Health services include a monthly Foot Care Service conducted by nurses, attended by 37 different seniors at their own expense, 9 appointments made for free eye exams to Springfield Optometrics, and 121 Flu Clinic reservations at the Town Clinic.

Seniors were encouraged to keep active in weekly programs: An exercise class was conducted by the YMCA at the Town House and swimming class at Trinity Church. An art class and exhibition were conducted by Helen Tower, who volunteered her services, as well as crochet with Bea Luff and Julia Terzi, volunteer instructors. An Income Tax Service was set up with AARP Tax Counsellors. Monthly bus trips were co-sponsored with the Scantic Senior Citizens Club, as well as a ten team bowling league, both at no cost to the Town. All of the costs of services are supported by the participants themselves in whole or in part, or by volunteer teachers, keeping Council expenses minimal. A new ceramics class was held at the local studio, and plans are being formed for new classes in Knitting and Cake decorating.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING P2

All of our activities are detailed in the SCANTIC SCRIBE, a monthly six page newsletter sent to all senior households. The expenses are born equally by the COA and the CLUB; it is edited by the COA director with the help of numerous volunteers in reporting, typing, assembling and some delivering. The SCRIBE is now mailed out at reduced postage because of a non-profit organization, FRIENDS OF THE HAMPDEN SENIOR CITIZENS, with Dan Shooshan and Ray Barkhuff, incorporators. The FRIENDS helped purchase a reconditioned copying machine (necessary for printing the SCRIBE) which was purchased primarily through grants from the State Department of Elder Affairs.

The Council sent delegates to Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging, the state directors association, and meetings on emergency preparedness. Ralph Forsstrom again served as Iris Holland's counterpart on the Silver Haired Legislature, as well as being elected by the COA to serve on the Home Care Board.

We thank the Selectmen and Townspeople, including the 43 regular volunteers, and the many seniors who join in to get each project off the ground. We still cherish the thought of having a senior center completely accessible to all who would wish to participate.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosalind A. Reardon
Director, Council on Aging

COUNCIL ON AGING:
Ralph Forsstrom, Chairman
Nancy Zebert, Vice Chairman
Bob Owens, Treasurer
Catherine Moriarty, Secretary
Ethel Evans, Corresponding Sec'y

Kathryn Conway
Joyce Libby
Dalton Philpott
Jean Prouty

"FROM CENTENNIAL COMMONS"

The first event of 1982 was a Pot Luck supper held on March 26th. The Chairmen were Mike and Hazel Caserio. The Theme was "Memories of the Good Old Days" and everyone was asked to bring some old memorabilia to be put on display. There were old photographs, store adds, hats, plates, silver, baptism dresses and hand made articles. As we looked at all these things we could hear "I remember that." It made a delightful evening.

On June 26th Hazel and Mike Caserio again were Chairmen for a picnic. The weather was with us and we set up the picnic tables and grills near our Silo water tower. The food was great and so was the sociability. We enjoyed this so much we decided to make it an annual event.

The weather was not with us when we started our gardens. Nothing would grow right and we had to plant some things two or three times. It was late summer before it began to produce anything and the flowers were blooming. Two of our tenants had entries in the Hampden Garden Club Flower Show in August. Mr. Anderson won with his Zinnias and Nan Libby took a prize for her Peace Rose.

On October 16th we had our Bazaar and Bake Sale. This has been an annual event since we have lived here. We work on it all year making things to sell. This year it was just as successful as it has been other years.

When year's end comes the Centennial Commons gets into the spirit of Christmas. Our outside tree is dressed with lights and lights outline our Community Building. It is so pretty at night. Inside we put up our tree and decorate the Main room. During the month several groups come to sing carols for us. The Brownies, Girl Scouts and others bring us a bit of cheer. On December 16th we had our Christmas Party. Santa Claus comes with a gift for everyone and Rosalind Reardon brings her music group to lead the carol sing. This year we had four Boy Scouts who helped by taking refreshments and gifts to our shut-ins.

On December 8th the Annual Tenants Association meeting was held for election of officers and discussion of our activities. The slate of officers which was unanimously accepted were: Erwin Newman - President, Harold McLean - Vice President, Pauline Booth - Secretary and Muriel Ryan - Treasurer. Our new building representatives are: Mildred Dufault, Dorothy Burleigh, Hazel Caserio, Helen Battige, Harriet Hulse and Marge Tierney.

It was decided to have quarterly meetings in March, June, September and December. Many new activities were discussed and it looks like another busy year.

Muriel Ryan - For the tenants of Centennial Commons

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY
26 Springmeadow Lane
Hampden, MA 01036

The year 1982 started with a Jan. 4th meeting in Boston with the officials of the EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT. Even though it was an horrendous day weatherwise, there was a full compliment of the Housing Authority members and its Executive Director. The intent of the meeting was to gather, first hand, answers to a number of long pending items directed to them many times prior to the meeting. The new Manager Representative to this Regional Area from EOCD, B. Ann Whittaker, was introduced at this time.

A great deal of time, throughout the year, has been given to making contacts for readiness in protection and feasibility measures regarding energy, power outages, catastrophies and other emergency situations. The Emergency Contingency Committee will meet with us to discuss a written emergency plan for Centennial Commons in conjunction with a Civil Defense Plan for the Town of Hampden.

The Hampden Police and Fire departments will be at Centennial Commons to discuss Emergency Procedures with the tenants in January 1983.

Water tests have been consistently satisfactory over the year.

Special meetings were in August with the State Auditors for clarification and finalizing of this year's State Audit.

Through the last few months some progress has been made with EOCD in answer to some of the items brought forth in our Jan. 4th meeting with them.

Early in 1983 the Authority will receive bids on re-painting and staining the exterior of all buildings in the complex, to be completed in that year. And we will be planning to do a look into landscape changes.

The present elected members of the HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY are: Clifford E. Attleton - Chairman, William J. Donnelly - Vice Chairman, Charles T. Schmitt, Secretary, Florence E. Kirk - Treasurer, and Sherwood W. Cronk - State Appointee and Assistant Treasurer. Staff from the Southern New England Management Corp. are: Christopher M. Carr - Executive Director and Sylvia Kirby - Rental Agent.

Centennial Commons Complex consists of 56 units, 6 of which are designed for handicapped persons. There are 54 one bedroom units and 2 two bedroom units and a Community Building which serves as the "meeting Place" for activities of the residents and the Hampden Housing Authority regular and special meetings.

The Authority is under direct supervision of Executive Office of Communities and Development in conjunction with our contract for 40 years, Section 8, Federal subsidy with the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development for our Centennial Commons Complex Housing for the Elderly, and also in contract for the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1982.

During the year the Police Department recorded 3,840 log entries. Of these 2,859 required further investigation. The calls received by the department were for assistance, complaints and for the reporting of crimes. The following is a general breakdown of the type of complaints received and investigated by the police department.

B&E forcible entry	34	Dog complaints	112
B&E unlawful entry	8	Other animal bites	47
B&E attempted forcible entry	12	Arrests for other departments	57
Larceny over \$100	54	Stolen merchandise recovered	28
Larceny under \$100	57	Recreational vehicle complaints	38
Vandalism	208	Noise complaints	68
Ambulance assists	55	Assist Highway Department	65
Fire Department assists	61	Disturbances	65
Family problems	54	Citizen assists	425
Neighborhood problems	0	Suspicious activity	296
Bicycles reported stolen	22	Motor vehicle complaints	212
Bicycles recovered	11	Youth problems	66
Stolen cars reported	3	Assist other police departments	160
Stolen cars recovered	8	Protective custody	6
Stolen motorcycles reported	4	General services	39
Stolen motorcycles recovered	2	Emergency services	5
Buildings found open	58	Suicide	1
Burglar alarms answered	163	Motor vehicle deaths	2
Missing persons	17	Assist Sheriff's department	1
Obscene phone calls	22	Assist Dept. of Social Services	7

During the year 118 persons were arrested and a total of 221 complaints were filed against them in the following categories.

Arrest warrants served	39	B&E nighttime, misdemeanor	2
Larceny under \$100	21	Vehicular homicide	1
Larceny over \$100	4	Operating unregistered m/v	10
Willful and malicious damage	5	Operating uninsured m/v	10
Defacing school property	3	Operating to endanger	8
Receiving stolen property	4	Using a m/v without authority	3
Trespassing	5	Attaching plates	4
Trespassing, viol. rest. order	3	Operating w/o license	10
Poss. of dangerous weapons	3	Operating under influence alcohol	11
Cruelty to animals	2	Refusing to stop for police officer	5
Dis. firearm w/i 500' dwelling	1	Operating after license suspension	3
Setting fires w/o a permit	1	Violation of learner's permit	1
Procuring alcohol for minors	1	H&R personal injury accident	1
Minors in poss. of alcohol	9	H&R property damage accident	3
Annoy. & harass. phone calls	1	Failure to stay w/i marked lanes	6
Failure to appear after release	1	Weaving between marked lanes	3
Threat to commit murder	1	Speeding	8

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Wanton dest. of real property	1	Racing on bet or wager	1
Attempted B&E nighttime	1	Burning rubber	2
Attempted larceny under \$100	1	Stop sign	1
A&B on police officer	2	Passing/no passing zone	1
Disorderly person	1	Operating w/o license in possession	2
Possession of marijuana	1	Operating w/o registration in poss.	1
B&E nighttime, felony	2	Operating w/o taillights	1
Fugitive from justice	1	Operating m/c w/o prot. headgear	1
CHINS petition	5	Operating m/v w/o headlights	2
		Altering a Mass. license	1

Three cases of wilfull and malicious destruction of private property and one case of larceny under \$100.00 were handled within the department.

The following is a summary of non criminal motor vehicle cases handled by the police department during the year. A total of 330 citations were issued in 1982, of these 194 were on radar.

Speeding	168	Failure to stay w/i marked lanes	3
Speeding, warning	71	Allow. improper person to opr. m/v	1
Passing in no passing zone	14	Opr. w/o learner's permit in poss.	1
Opr. w/o proper number plates	1	Violation of license restriction	1
Failure to stop for stop sign	10	Offensive noise, burning rubber	4
No registration in possession	4	Noisy muffler	2
Failure to grant right of way	2	No brake lights	1
No.license in possession	6	No taillights	8
Opr. unregistered m/v	2	No headlights	2
Opr. w/o valid Mass. license	2	Unreasonable escape of smoke (while burning rubber)	1

Warnings given out, other than speeding, are listed below

Passing/no passing zone	2	No inspection sticker	2
Opr. w/o proper number plates	1	Violation of license restriction	1
Failure to stop for stop sign	1	No plate light	1
No registration in possession	1	Noisy muffler	2
Opr. w/o valid Mass. license	1	No taillight	11
Failure to stay w/i marked lanes	1	Impeded operation (wearing headphones while operating a m/v)	1
Unreasonable escape of exhaust smoke	1		

Traffic cases still pending	32
Show cause hearing requested	12
House of Corrections, direct	1 year, 6 months
House of Corrections, susp.	13 years, 2 months, 20 days
Probation	51 years, 2 months
Defensive Driving School	11 persons sent

There were 72 motor vehicle accidents reported to and investigated by this department involving 114 motor vehicles. As a result of these accidents 28

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people were injured and required medical treatment. One person died as a result of an accident in May of this year. During 1982 there were no motorcycle, bicycle or pedestrian accidents reported. The above figures reflect a 24% decrease over the 1981 accident rate. The total accidents were at an 8 year low.

During the year \$1098.30 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits and other reports.

During 1982 \$10,764.00 was assessed in court costs, traffic fines and other fines against various defendants. A total of \$1870.47 was assessed against various defendants as restitution costs.

The following officers attended inservice training programs during 1982 conducted by the Criminal Justice Training Council. Sgt. Donald Bouchard, a 1 week Firearms Instruction course sponsored by the F.B.I., Officer Raymond Schmuck, Radar Instrument School, Officer Mark Reisner, Canine Inservice Schools, 62 hours, National Auto Theft Seminar, Officer William Chechile, Child Abuse Seminar, On Scene Accident Investigation School, 40 hours. All full time and reserve officers also completed their mandated CPR refresher courses as required.

During 1982 the Reserve Police attended monthly training sessions. New Reserve Officers were also required to complete criminal law examinations conducted by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. Along with the full time officers of the department the Reserve Police assisted in doing house check on the homes of 252 residents. Most house checks are for a period of 1 day to more than 6 months per house. The Reserve Police also helped cover shifts for officers who were on vacation or out sick. They also donated many hundreds of hours to the town. I wish to thank Reserve Sergeant Michael Doyle, the officer in charge of the Reserve Police and the rest of the men on the Reserve Police Department for the many hours they donate to the department and the Town of Hampden during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
George K. Stone, Jr.
Chief of Police

REPORT OF BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals held eight public hearings during 1982.

Variations from Section 7.0, Para. 7.2 of the Zoning By Laws were granted to: Mr. Ralph Adamczyk at 45 Old Orchard Road, Mr. Dennis Farioli at 25 Mill Rd., Mrs. Blanche Lemon at 275 Glendale Road, and Mr. Carroll Willey of 83 Chapin Road.

Two special permits were granted to Lynda Godkin/Kenneth Hickey of 190 Ames Road and Juhan Laurits of 335 Allen Street for additions to non-conforming use.

Two special permits for earth removal were issued to Mr. Austin Harris of 121 Main Street and Mr. Richard Jonelis of Somers Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Shooshan, Chairman
Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman
Bert Nietupski
Bryce Norwood
Lawrence Smith
Charles Schmitt (Alternate)
Clifford E. Keeney (Alternate)
Kenneth Lefebvre, Clerk

PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT - 1982

The Board has noted an increase in requests for discussion of property uses to which, under our current Zoning Bylaws, the Board cannot vote approval.

These uses include:

Requests to divide large homes in single-family into apartments

Requests to use a large lot which lacks adequate frontage for the building of a single home

Requests to use a sub-standard lot owned-in-common for another home

Requests to create, under the category of "Home Occupation", a business in a strictly residential district.

The Board will look further at the laws governing these uses, as, on a case-to-case basis, some of the proposed uses may not derogate from the intent of Hampden's Zoning Bylaws. It would not be the purpose of the Board to loosen the current Eylaws, but to try to find a method which would allow flexibility under certain conditions.

Several large projects reviewed during the year, have not come to culmination.

The Rock-A-Dundee Estates development has been changed into the creation of a few large lots fronting onto Rock-A-Dundee Road. A subdivision is no longer planned.

The Bay Bank has inquired about locating an X-PRESS building in the Mini-mall parking lot. The bank has gone no further with its inquiry.

A Housing for the Elderly and Mixed Families project planned by Mr. Kingston on his Allen St. property is no longer before the Board.

Interest in the continued development of Commercial Drive was briefly revived by the Third National Bank, but also has been tabled for the time.

The Johnson Life Center has taken up residence in the form of a respite home on Allen St. Operating under the Dept. of Mental Health, this project does not come under the local bylaws, and is allowed in MGL 40A, sec.3 under "Exemptions from the Zoning Regulations". The planners did give our Board the courtesy of allowing us the chance to review and comment on their plans.

Mr. Kibbe has abandoned his plan to extend Martin Farms Rd. into a West Hill Dr. subdivision. After inspection of the area determined that repair work was not needed, his inspection fee was returned to him.

"Tag Sales" held too frequently by one resident become a business. The practice of allowing the seasonal tag sale has been abused in surrounding towns, and new regulations have been developed to guide them. At present, with the cooperation of residents, we do not see the need to set up new laws stating such restrictions.

We met with the Board of Assessors several times to discuss update work needed on the large Town Map. The Assessors report that they are being required to have such a map as a permanent part of their operation. All agreed that the update is vital and the next step will be to determine exactly how to go about it, depending on the budget.

Board member Karl Sternberg was honored by being appointed to and is serving on the Mass. Federation of Planning Boards.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Mikkoła , Chairman	'84
Carl F. Libby, Vice-chairman	'83
Frederick Maher, Jr.	'85
Karl D. Sternberg	'86
Jack L. Partyka	'87

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Cemetery Commission met a number of times during the 1982 season to discuss and plan improvements at Prospect Hill and Old cemeteries.

The following projects were completed this year: loam was spread, seeding was done and the name Prospect Hill Cemetery was engraved on the stone placed, last year, at the entrance to the cemetery.

Corinne Dunwoody has been our record secretary for the past two years. We appreciate her efforts.

Anyone wishing any assistance at their gravesite or anyone wishing to purchase a gravesite please contact any member of the Commission.

The Cemetery Commissioners meet the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 PM at the Hampden Town House.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert F. Sazama, Jr., Chairman
Franklin Prouty
Arthur H. Gerrish

REPORT OF LIBRARY - 1982

1982 marked the retirement of Librarian Elizabeth Curtis and Assistant Librarian Adina Johnson. Joanne Clarke and Marta Willey were appointed to replace them.

In 1982 the library staff attended roundtable discussions, workshops, and courses conducted by the Western Regional Library System in Hatfield. Subjects included circulation, reference materials, book selection and collection development, and maintenance of audio-visual equipment.

The library staff also attended the Spring Regional Small Libraries Meeting at the Wales Public Library, and hosted a fall meeting in Hampden.

The library continues to benefit from the services provided by the Western Regional Library System. The Bookmobile delivers a book collection to supplement our own every eight weeks. Any book not found on our shelves may be obtained through its Interlibrary Loan Department.

The Sessions Room was used in 1982 by a variety of community groups. Movies are shown here twice a month for the Senior Citizens and the public is invited to attend.

The theme of the 1982 summer reading program was "Follow the Worm With Good Books." Thirty five children completed the program and helped construct a bookworm that extended through the children's section of the library. Each child received a reading certificate and paperback book. Thanks to Mrs. Elinor King for our summer reading bulletin board.

Five storyhour and craft sessions were held for preschool children. These programs were very successful and the library plans to schedule more in 1983.

Hampden newspaper clippings were kept up to date in a yearly scrapbook.

The library continued to deliver books to shut-ins.

We want to thank Mrs. Rittner's and Mrs. Mahaney's Green Meadows School classes and Mrs. Hurley's Village Preschool students for their art work that decorated the library. We also want to thank the Girl Scouts and Brownies for their interesting display of Japanese American culture, and the Girl Scouts for the gingerbread house and their help in organizing coupons for our swap.

We also want to thank all our patrons who donated magazines, books, coupons, and sewing patterns to the library.

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The Library Trustees meet on the third Wednesday of the month.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	11:00 AM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Wednesday	11:00 AM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Thursday	11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday	12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAYS DURING JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

LIBRARY STATISTICS

General Services

Circulation	
Books.....	18,463
Paperbacks.....	1,000
Periodicals.....	2,645
Recordings.....	856
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	22,964
Volumes Added.....	724
Volumes Discarded.....	283
Total Collection.....	14,444
Magazine Subscriptions.....	50
Total Attendance.....	11,930
Inter-Library Books Borrowed.....	273
Bookmobile.....	1,212

Finances

Receipts	
Revenue Sharing.....	\$18,675
State Aid.....	2,375
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	\$21,050

Expenditures

Wages.....	\$14,807
Media Materials.....	5,190
Supplies, Telephone, Incidentals.....	1,053
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	\$21,050

Respectfully submitted,
 Ann Byron, Chairman, Trustee
 Miriam P. Bryans, Trustee
 Helen Dickinson, Trustee
 Joanne Clarke, Librarian

REPORT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks and Recreation Commission met regularly throughout 1982 on the first and third Thursday of each month. Town sponsored recreation programs included soccer, gymnastics, basketball and other team and individual sports for youngsters between the ages of six and sixteen. When possible separate programs were available for girls and boys. Many activities were conducted on a co-educational basis. Adult programs included basketball, softball and volleyball. These continue to require only a small payment by the participant. Again we extend our thanks to the members of the Recreation Association of Hampden who helped to coordinate and supervise many of these activities. In January 1982, Mr. Normand Proulx replaced Mr. Juhan Laurits as Hampden's Recreation Director.

Vandalism remains a problem at Memorial Park and continues to burden taxpayers with an annoying and needless expense. We hope that the newly installed iron gate at the entrance to the park will deter unauthorized entry. It was necessary to close the pool for a few days during the summer after glass was discovered in the water. A bottom drain has been installed which will make it possible to remove glass without draining the pool. A summer recreational program was held at Memorial Park from July 6 to August 13. Directed by Mr. David Smith and a capable staff of councilors, the Town's youngsters enjoyed a varied and imaginative program of activities. We hope that more of the town's boys and girls will take advantage of this fine program next year. Mr. Smith was also director of the town's pool.

On Sunday, July 4 your commission sponsored various activities at Memorial Park. Attractions included a tag sale, game booths, races, ball games and water events. Our thanks to the Lions Club, the Boy Scouts and other town organizations who worked to make this day a success. We also thank Mr. Walter Childs who again organized the A.A.U. Road Race which has become a traditional part of our holiday celebration. As usual the park was available for family summertime activities as well as church and scout programs, picnics and ball games.

During the year a new roof was installed on the bath house and on the RAH building at the park. Several times repairs were made to vandalized wiring and electrical outlets. Repairs were made on the soccer kickboard at the Thornton Burgess School and new well covers were installed at the park. The commission wishes to thank the Hampden Garden Club for planting flowers at the park's entrance and to the members of Boy Scout Troop 171 whose members helped to clean the park grounds. We again hope to continue providing a high quality recreational program with satisfactory facilities for all residents.

Respectfully submitted,
James Whipple, Chairman
Gordon Clark
Maureen Coughlin
Peter Inler
Stephen LeClair
Lucille Mulcahy, Clerk

HAMPDEN ENERGY COMMISSION

Commission members were involved in several projects in 1982. The first months of the year saw the 81-82 low-income fuel assistance program come to an end. Earl Connors was the volunteer in-take worker, who helped eligible residents fill in the applications. The paperwork was taken to the Palmer office of the Valley Opportunity Council for processing and approval.

On March 24th, in a cooperative effort with the Council on Aging, 630 pounds of surplus processed cheese from the federal government was distributed to 117 Hampden households. Thanks go to Earl, the distribution volunteers, Rosalind Reardon (COA Director) and the Thornton Burgess School for the use of their walk-in refrigerator.

September marked a "standing room only" turnout to UFFI: UPDATE, an energy education session on urea formaldehyde foam insulation. The session was co-sponsored with the Board of Selectmen. Area and town residents listened to the panel discussion of the pros and cons of UFFI. The Springfield Action Commission demonstrated a formaldehyde vapor tester. A large binder of information is on the energy information shelf at the library. Thanks go to Dalton Philpott for moderating, and Ginny Cabral, Marilyn Jordan, and Midge Sleeper for all their assistance in setting up the meeting and gathering information.

In October, two members attended a training session for the 82-83 Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, the federal and state funded program. The volunteers took over 40 applications between October 19th and December 31st. The program continues, if funding holds out, until early 1983. Thanks go to Ellen Avery for her countless hours of work on this in-town service.

Again, as in years past, the in-take volunteers worked very closely with the trustees of the Hampden Emergency Fuel Fund. Since the winter of 1979-80, the fund has helped several Hampden residents get through no-heat situations. Thanks go to the churches, town groups/organizations and individuals who donated to the fund.

The Commission is represented on the town-wide Emergency Planning Commission, whose goal is to produce a plan to assure the safety of all residents in emergency situations.

Just a reminder about the energy information bulletin board on the lower level of the Town House - area meetings, happenings, and other energy information is posted. Residents having suggestions for possible energy information sessions, or willing to help on the energy commission are encouraged to contact any member.

Last, but not least, thanks go to the committee members for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy R. Zebert, Chairman

George Audren
Ellen & Dick Avery
Harry Burns

Earl Connors
Francis Metcalf
Larry Tiberio

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission, a board of seven citizens appointed by the selectmen, derives most of its authority from the Wetlands Protection Act, Massachusetts General Laws 131, Section 40. The Wetlands Protection Act provides a systematic framework for regulating construction and related activities in wetland areas in order to help protect water supplies, guard against flood and storm damage and prevent pollution. The Commission has continued to actively enforce these regulations. In 1982 the Commission held two Wetland Hearings under the Act and provided assistance to town officials and private citizens in determining when and if the Act was applicable.

In addition to enforcing the Wetlands Protection Act the Conservation Commission is allowed to receive controlling interest in lands owned by the town. During the 1983 annual town meeting there will be a warrant to transfer a parcel of land off of Wilbraham road from general town ownership to conservation land. This will place the land under control of the Commission and will assure that it will be used only for conservation purposes.

One area specifically excluded by the Wetlands Protection Act is activities in wetland areas pertaining to the maintenance of existing public utility lines. Despite the lack of authority by the Commission to directly regulate utility line maintenance the Commission has been quite successful in establishing a spirit of cooperation with Massachusetts Electric. Massachusetts Electric officials have worked together with Conservation Commission members in allowing land owners along power lines to perform their own maintenance programs if they so desire. In addition, Mass. Electric has provided the Commission the opportunity to monitor their activities and has respected the Commission's request that they use only hand cutting techniques directly within wetland areas. This is a major step in the right direction and directly contrasts the situation of only a few years ago.

On April 1, 1983 a new version of the Wetland Protection act will take effect. Members of the commission will be attending an all day seminar on the new regulations prior to the change date. The new regulations are similar in intent and procedure to the old ones but have been designed to streamline the processes and to be more precise in defining the interests of the act.

The Commission is currently looking for associate members to help with the general commission work as well as volunteers to serve on a subcommittee currently studying the use of herbicides and pesticides in Hampden. Anyone wishing to become involved with the Conservation Commission is encouraged to contact any one of the Commission members or the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

James Smith, Chairman
Paul Robatille, Vice Chairman
Joseph Choiniere, Secretary
Arthur Gerrish, Treasurer

Rene Heffernan
Frank Prouty
Timothy Rens

DUTCH ELM REPORT

During the year 1982 a total of 21 diseased elm trees were cut down and removed from the following roads; South Road, Chapin Road, Somers Road, East Longmeadow Road, Glendale Road, Ames Road and Main Street,

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Reardon,
Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

During the year 1982 damage done by gypsy moth was less than previous years, in spite of a very large egg count; most of the damage was done in prior years.

There was a decrease in the amount of damage done to trees in town due to the fact that only 20% of the gypsy moth eggs had hatched; even with the smaller egg hatch there were some areas in town where trees had been stripped of their leaves. All indications show that there will be a decrease in the gypsy moth egg hatch for the next few years.

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Reardon,
Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

There were twelve (12) grass fires and two (2) fires at the Sanitary Landfill during 1982.

Outdoor burning is still restricted to January 15th to May 1st.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the residents of Hampden for co-operating with the outdoor burning ban.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard J. Boynton
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT 1982

The Hampden Fire Department is proud to announce that in the year of 1982 the department responded to only 57 calls which is eight less than the previous year.

The Hampden Fire Department made only one mutual aid call to assist a neighboring town.

Also in 1982, the Hampden Fire Department had 41 requests for smoke detector inspections.

Outdoor burning is permitted from January 15th. through to May 1st. The hours for burning are from 10 am to 4 pm. Burning permits are to be requested daily from the Hampden Fire Department by calling the office phone number of 566-3314. Weekend burning permits must be requested from the Forest Fire Warden.

1982 CALLS

13 House	12 Grass	1 Mutual Aid
15 Chimney	5 False	1 Down Wire
4 Cars	3 Accidents	2 Sanitary Landfill

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Hatch
Chief of Fire Department

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

The winter of 1981-82 was an old fashion New England type winter with a good deal of snow and cold weather which depleted the snow and ice account of \$20,000.

The usual work of patching holes and grading the gravel roads was done as well as scraping the shoulder of the roads.

Allen Street was repaved for a distance of 2600 feet with blacktop; in 1983 we hope to finish paving Allen Street to the Stony Hill Rd. intersection.

The brook behind Fernwood Drive was cleaned out to help alleviate the water problems in that area.

The first hill on lower South Road was reconstructed for a distance of 1200 feet with catch basins and berms.

Construction on Scantic Road was done for a distance of 1700 feet and paved with pea stone and liquid asphalt.

Due to Proposition 2½ work was slower this year with only two men and myself working on the Highway Dept. while the other two men worked on Public Grounds from April 1 to the end of October.

The curve on Chapin Road by Mr. Wilbur's house was cut back and resurfaced to help the blind spot. The streets were swept and catch basins were cleaned as far as our budget would allow.

In 1983 we hope to continue construction on South Road and Scantic Road and then work will start on Glendale Road from the Scantic Road and Main Street junction going northeast. Work on this project will progress as far as our budget will allow.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

The Tree Warden wishes to report the following trees taken down:

Two large Maples on Wilbraham Road; three large Maples and one large Oak on Allen Street; one large Maple and one large Oak on Somers Road; one large Maple on Ames Road; one large Oak on Chapin Road; one large Maple on North Road and one large Maple on South Monson Road.

The dead wood was trimmed from the trees on Wilbraham Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Homer L. Fuller
Superintendent of Streets
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's office dispensed 470 dog licenses in 1982. Although the amount collected was \$3,019.00, the Town received 75¢ per license for a total of \$366.75. The rest was turned in to the County Treasurer's office. In like manner, the collection for sporting licenses was \$5,134.50 but the Town received 50¢ per license which totaled \$178.25, and turned the remaining portion in to the Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

The amount of money handled by the Town Clerk is as follows:

Item	\$ Collected	\$ Town Received
Dog Licenses	3,019.00	366.75
Sporting Licenses	5,134.50	178.25
Recordings	321.00	321.00
Certified Copies	577.80	577.80
Marriages and Business Certificates	65.00	65.00
Total	9,117.30	1,508.80

Dog licenses must be obtained annually, effective April 1, at the Town Clerk's office. Cost for licenses for males and females is \$10.00. If a female is spayed or if a male is neutered, the cost is \$4.00. A Rabies Clinic is held in April each year at the Town Garage. A rabies vaccination is good for 3 years for dogs over a year old and good for 1 year for dogs under a year old.

Vital Statistics

	1980	1981	1982
Births recorded	53	50	49
Deaths recorded	37	47	40
Marriages recorded	28	27	15

Respectfully submitted,

Rita A. Vail, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Number of registered voters January 1, 1982 2,262
Number of registered voters December 31, 1982 2,424

Voter attendance at elections during the year 1982:

Democratic Caucus, April 1 106
Republican Caucus, April 2 76
Town Election, May 3 971
Special Election, June 1 399
Democratic State Primary, September 14 725
Republican State Primary, September 14 223
State Election, November 2 1,623

Respectfully submitted,

Faye W. Flynn, Chairman
Frank J.T. Kirk
Mary E. Connors
Rita A. Vail, Clerk

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

During 1982, a total of 57 dogs were impounded, these dogs were all in violation of the restraining order and most of these dogs were all unlicensed. Of the 57 dogs impounded, 14 dogs were sold at \$5,00 each; 29 were redeemed by their owners at \$7,50 each; the remaining 14 dogs were kept the required number of days and then destroyed at a cost to the Town of \$868,00.

Reimbursement from the County amounted to \$320,00.

All dog owners in Hampden are reminded that there is a restraining order in effect and all dogs are to be kept under control of owners at all times.

Mr. Raymond Schmuck had to resign from position of Dog Officer, which he held for several years, due to pressing duties as a Police Officer. The Town is grateful for the time and efforts and the concerns for our citizens and their animals which he expressed during his tenure as Dog Officer.

Mr. Arthur LaFrance is presently our Dog Officer. His address is Wood Hill Road, Monson and his telephone number is 267-9652.

Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors would like to thank all the Taxpayers of Hampden for their patience and cooperation in the Revaluation year. We were pleased to see that 450 of the Tax Payers did take advantage of the time set aside for the hearings and did come in and talk out their problems with the representatives of Municipal Appraisal.

It is unfortunate that the tax bills will be so late, however, this is not unusual in a Revaluation year. If there are further problems with the Revaluation the Board of Assessors will answer questions after the tax bills have been sent out, and we would like to emphasize the fact that we would appreciate hearing if there are any problems on the bills no matter what they are.

We expect that in using this year as a foundation for our Revaluation and new system, Municipal Appraisal will now be printing the tax bills and Commitment books, that we will have the majority of problems corrected for the 1984 Fiscal tax billing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hampden Board of Assessors
Stanley Witkop, Chairman
Richard Jalbert
Henry Baush

BOARD OF ASSESSORS - ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

Total Appropriation to be raised	\$3,170,596.17
Offsets to Cherry Sheet Estimated REceipts	
School Lunch	2,701.00
Free Public Library	2,373.00
Racial Imbalance Program	62,000.00
Other Amounts to be raised:	
Veterans Service District	3,938.20
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional	711.75
Additional Hampden County Assessment	11,634.00
Mental Health Trans.	5,118.00
Revenue Deficits	10,509.38
Debt Interest	48.00
County Tax	119,786.68
State Recreation Areas	24,576.09
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	713.55
Air Pollution Control District	1,363.52
Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,240.62
Regional Transit Authority	2,792.00
Overlay of Current Fiscal Year	52,104.72
Gross Amount to be Raised	3,472,296.68
1983 Fiscal Year Estimate Receipts Certified by the Commissioner on Cherry Sheet	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	98,159.00
Licenses	9,046.00
Fines	4,005.00
General Government	5,239.00
Natural Resource	---
Protection of Persons & Property	365.00
School	113.00
Libraries	325.00
Cemeteries	133.00
Recreation	2,171.00
Interest	48,336.00
Dog Pound	659.00
Metco	27,048.00
Classified Forest Land	6,028.00
Xerox Copies	459.00
Available Funds Taken	73,853.17
Overestimates on Cherry Sheet	3,757.62
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	1,484,351.79
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	1,987,944.89
Personal Property Valuation	4,277,235.00
Real Estate Property Valuation	96,941,655.00
Additional Real Estate Tax Due to Revision of Valuation	-----
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$1,987,944.89</u>

Taxes Abated In <u>1982</u>	
<u>1982</u> Fiscal Personal Property	1,732.94
-- Fiscal Personal Property	
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<u>1982</u> Fiscal Real Estate	243.77
<u>1981</u> Fiscal Real Estate	329.88
<u>1980</u> Fiscal Real Estate	5,856.58
Statutory Exemptions Granted In <u>1982</u> on Real Estate Estate	
<u>1980</u> Fiscal Real Estate	415.82
<u>1981</u> Fiscal Real Estate	535.37
<u>1982</u> Fiscal Real Estate	500.00
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Committed In <u>1982</u>	
<u>1982</u> Commitment	105,998.36
<u>1981</u> Commitment	2,661.20
-- Commitment	
-- Commitment	
Commissioner's Value of Vehicles	
<u>1982</u> Commitment	4,813,760.00
<u>1981</u> Commitment	327,900.00
-- Commitment	
-- Commitment	
Motor Vehicles excise abatements graned In <u>1982</u>	
<u>1982</u> Commitment	7,764.01
<u>1981</u> Commitment	2,353.88
<u>1980</u> Commitment	1,140.17
The Town owns the following Real Estate:	
Ames Road	6.00 acres
Baldwin Lot 122	1.06 acres
Cross Road (Dump)	13.42 acres
Main Street	.29 acres
Martin Farm Road (lot #50)	.78 acres
Martin Farm Road (lot #51)	.80 acres
Mill Road	1.50 acres
Mill Road	4.00 acres
North Road	.25 acres
Sessions Dr	.71 acres
Thresher Rd	4.00 acres
Wilbraham Rd	22.00 acres

TREASURER'S REPORT FISCAL 1982

July 1, 1981 - June 30, 1982

Cash balance as of 7/1/81 \$ 591,361.38

RECEIPTS:

Loans.....	\$ 669,000.00	
Interest on available funds.....	52,789.87	
Return of Certificate of Deposit..	9,819.95	
Revenue Sharing Funds.....	79,690.00	
Revenue Sharing Interest.....	15,014.20	
Remaining Receipts.....	3,580,732.25	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		4,404,046.27

DISBURSEMENTS:

Repayment of Loans.....	669,000.00	
Interest paid on loans.....	5,437.01	
Principal paid on debt.....	85,000.00	
Interest paid on debt.....	19,635.00	
Revenue Sharing Warrants.....	75,121.00	
Remaining Disbursements.....	3,717,552.72	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		4,552,110.73
BALANCE AS OF 6/30/82		443,296.92

Regional Communication System (WMLEC) -Balance as of 6/30/82 7,239.56

INVESTMENT AND TRUST FUNDS
FISCAL 1982

	Balance 7/1/81	Amount Deposit	Amount With.	Interest Gained	Balance 6/30/82
Library Book Nowell	\$ 940.53	18.35	0	95.95	1,054.83
Day Library	799.85	0	53.82	86.60	832.63
Holt Library	812.73	0	0	95.41	908.14
Kindergarten Library	6,064.52	0	0	594.57	6,659.09
Bumstead Cemetary	4,421.19	0	0	652.21	5,073.40
Town Common Fund	1,105.54	0	0	62.46	1,168.00
Cemetary Perpetual Care	19,613.92	0	0	2,893.43	22,507.35
Stabilization Fund	55,000.00	0	55,000.00	0	0
Council of Aging					
Senior Center	1,264.94	181.00	0	37.92	1,483.86
Conservation Comm.	4,139.16	0	0	603.92	4,743.08